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Tribute to The Apostolic Delegate



His Excellency, Archbishop Egidio Vagnozzi, Apostolic Delegate to the United States, is shown prior to dinner in his honor with, Supreme Venerable Joseph Gorrasi, Woburn, Mass., left, and U. S. District Judge Anthony Julian, Watertown, Mass., principal speaker.

Another Facet of Campaign

Sons of Italy "Index"

By A. Alfred Marcello

The Order's National Committee on Public Relations has undertaken a new phase in the campaign to puncture the myth of the Mafia bogey man.

The finishing touches have been put to a plan which sets up an "index" of objectionable material. This index will include movies, television programs, magazines and books. Members will be kept posted on developments through OSIA NEWS, advisory bulletins and personal contacts by members of the Public Relations Committee.

The new plan follows a number of developments stemming from action taken by the Committee to change the climate of television programs that are of-

fensive to members of the Order because of the character of the productions.

On the evening of October 29 the American Broadcasting Co., announced the postponement of a program scheduled for showing on that date. This was a production in the series "The Untouchables." This was the production which had been widely publicized as an expose of "How the Mafia operates."

Several weeks prior to the

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750 at Banquet At Washington For Archbishop

By Albert A. Maino

WASHINGTON, D. C. — Supreme and Grand Lodge officers, church, diplomatic and civic officials joined with more than 750 members and friends of the Order in paying tribute to Archbishop Egidio Vagnozzi, Apostolic Delegate to the United States.

The Order extended its official welcome to the Vatican representative at a national dinner given by the Supreme Lodge at the Mayflower Hotel.

Speakers hailed the choice of His Holiness, Pope John XXIII, for his selection of Archbishop Vagnozzi as Apostolic Delegate to the United States.

U. S. District Judge Anthony Julian of Watertown, Mass., a Past Grand Venerable of the Massachusetts Order, was principal speaker.

Supreme Venerable Joseph Gorrasi of Woburn, Mass., extended the greetings of the Order to the prelate, who earlier this year assumed his official duties as apostolic delegate.

The Rt. Rev. Msgr. Guido L. Pallotta, Revere, Mass., the Ord-

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National Chairman John A. Volpe Cites How Members Can Help

A contribution plan for the Sons of Italy Foundation has been announced by John A. Volpe, Winchester, Mass., National Memorial Home chairman.

"Members and friends of the Order Sons of Italy in America have an opportunity to make a lasting contribution to the newly created Foundation, established by the Order to help perpetuate the arts and culture of Italy and Italian-Americans in the United States, Volpe said.

The national chairman added: "The Order will further perpetuate the Foundation and its goal through the erection of a National Memorial Home in Washington, D. C., where visitors from all parts of the country may view exhibits of Italy's many contributions to world civilization.

Scholarship Program
"The Foundation, through the facilities of the National Memorial Home, will further benefit the promotion of the sciences and education through the awarding of scholarship grants to deserving students both in this country and abroad."

Commenting on the \$400,000 goal, approved at the August Supreme Convention, Volpe said:

"At the outset of the drive we asked members to assume a moral obligation to raise a minimum of \$3 each to attain our goal.

"We have now augmented our fund drive through the issuance of marble citations, golden certificates, and the granting of memorial opportunities."

Paper Marble Block
Donors contributing \$5 to the Sons of Italy Foundation will receive a paper marble block, he said.

A pillar of marble citation, he said, will be given to contributors who donate \$50 to \$500.

"A golden certificate will be

issued to those contributors who give \$500 or more," he said, adding "and his or her name will be inscribed on the Honor Roll Plaque in the building."

The national chairman outlined the memorial opportunities plan as follows:

"The memorial opportunities plan is the project of our special gifts committees now organized throughout the country.

"These memorial opportunities are accorded to any member, or non-member, who contributes \$5,000 or more to the completion of a room, or part thereof, in the proposed National Memorial Home.

To Honor Donor

"For example, the Memorial Hall on the first floor will cost \$15,000 when completed. If we receive a single contribution of \$15,000 for the hall, we will place an attractive plaque, suitably inscribed, acknowledging the donor of the hall. By the same token, if three persons want to contribute \$5,000 each to the Memorial Hall, then the plaque would carry the names of the three benefactors."

At the present time Volpe said the following memorial opportunities are available:

First floor, reception and secretary's office, \$10,000; Supreme

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"Wearing of the Purple"

Pennsylvania Member's Project

Simon Donatelli, a veteran member of Aquila Fedele Lodge No. 1070 of Rochester, Pa., conducted a one-man campaign to publicize the "wearing of the purple" on Columbus Day.

Several weeks prior to Columbus Day, Brother Donatelli mailed attractive purple neckties imprinted with a likeness of Christopher Columbus and purple bow pennants to a number of prominent people throughout the country.

Heading the list of recipients was President Eisenhower. Brother Donatelli received a reply from the President, acknowledging the gift.

Typical of the replies received was one from Gov. David L.

Lawrence of Pennsylvania, who wrote:

"Please relay my thanks to the members of Aquila Fedele Lodge No. 1070 of Rochester. The Columbus Day necktie is extremely handsome and I look forward to wearing it on October 12th."

Other acknowledgments were received from Gov. Foster Furcolo of Massachusetts; Gov. Michael V. DiSalle of Ohio; Drew Pearson of Washington, D. C.; Pennsylvania Supreme Court Justice Michael A. Musmanno of Pittsburgh; President Judge Robert E. McCreary of Beaver, Pa., and President Judge Eugene V. Alessandrini, Philadelphia, Grand Venerable of the Pennsylvania Order.

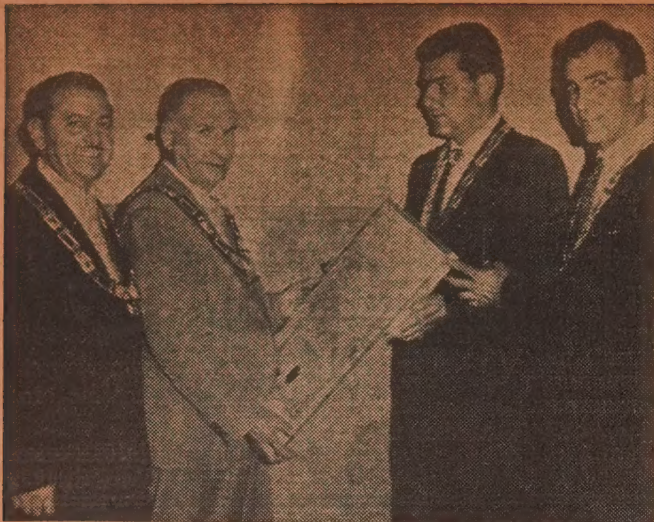
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CHARTER PRESENTATION AT HAYWARD, CALIF.
Grand Venerable Attilio Raeta, second from left, presents charter to Anthony Mastrantonio, venerable of the newly organized Enrico Fermi Lodge No. 2094. Grand Trustee Pat Mastrantonio, left, founder of the lodge, and Isadore Montevago, look on.

Commendatore of Order of Merit Italy Honors Luigi Scala

PROVIDENCE, R. I.—Luigi Scala, Grand Venerable of the Rhode Island Order, has been elevated to the rank of Commendatore of the Order of Merit by the Republic of Italy.

He was notified of the honor in a letter he received from Giovanni Gronchi, president of the Italian republic.

Grand Venerable Scala, whose most recent honor was given for his outstanding work in bettering relations between this country and Italy, was named a Cavaliere of the Crown of Italy in 1920. He received a second honor in 1948 when he was presented the Star of Italian Solidarity.

Brother Scala is president of the Columbus National Bank and has been Grand Venerable of the Rhode Island Order for the past 26 years.

Former National Chairman

He is a former chairman of the Order's Committee on Italian Culture and supervised the publication of several Italian classics with English translation undertaken by the Order with the co-



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operation of the Casa Italiana of Columbia University.

He has also served as Rhode Island chairman for American Relief for Italy, was instrumental in gaining legislative approval to establish the study of the Italian language in the high schools, and promoted recognition of October 12, Columbus Day, which is now a full legal holiday in the state.

Grand Venerable Scala's efforts in behalf of graduates of Italy's medical schools entering the state to practice medicine, has brought about recognition of their medical diplomas by the State Medical Board of Examiners.

He has been a staunch advocate for broadening U. S. immigration laws, worked for a just peace for Italy following the war years, and supported Italy's position during the Trieste situation.

Recognition of DaVerrazzano

Another facet of his work has been the vindication of the honor due the Italian explorer, Giovanni da Verrazzano, credited with giving Rhode Island its name.

More recently Grand Venerable Scala was instrumental in the presentation to the Providence Public Library a collection of 1,000 books on topics in English and Italian relating to the Italo-American heritage. The library was also presented the sum of \$1,000 to be used for the addition of more volumes to the collection by the Italian Collection and Reading Room Committee.

Grand Venerable Scala has further advanced Italy's cultural contributions through his weekly radio program.

40 Members Inducted At Schenectady, N. Y.

SCHENECTADY, N. Y.—Grand Venerable Carmine A. Ventiera, Brooklyn, was principal speaker at a mass initiation of a class of 40 new members conducted by Schenectady Lodge No. 321.

The new class, named the "Amedeo Volpe Class", paid tribute to the guest of honor, Second Assistant Supreme Venerable Amedeo H. Volpe of this city.

Other speakers included Grand Financial Secretary Constantino Fascia, Mechanicville, and Grand Trustee Stephen DiGiorgio, Schenectady.

A luncheon, held following the ceremonies, was served by members of Cornelia Lodge No. 1980. Mrs. Rose Santilli was chairman.

The Order's National Home

What It Means To Us

Possibly there is no more ardent booster of the Order's proposal to build a Memorial Home in Washington, D. C., than Special National Deputy William A. Amoroso. Brother Amoroso will talk about the Sons of Italy Foundation and Memorial Home at a drop of a hat.

Recently he committed on paper some interesting observations on what the proposed Home means not only to the Order, but to every American of Italian origin.

Here are Brother Amoroso's observations:

The National Home that we will build in the nation's capital will be a reminder of the contribution of the Italo-Americans to the progress of the United States and a spur for their children to do for this country even more and better.

Our Order, in more than fifty years of existence, has frequently commemorated and honored the great Italians who have lived and died centuries ago: heroes and saints, philosophers and builders, writers and artists, whose names are immortal and whose memory is already enshrined in the hearts of mankind.

Now the time has come to honor those Italians or Americans of Italian origin who have lived challenging days and shown themselves worthy of their glorious heritage. We owe it to them to make known, with such a pub-



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lic monument their works and achievements in all the fields in which they have excelled; the arts, the professions, commerce, religion, literature, education, labor and industry. We owe this recognition to their children and our children so that they who will come after us will not only proudly remember but also be encouraged to follow and emulate the shining examples of our ancestors.

Furthermore, a National Home in the nation's capital will be of tremendous help to our Order. It will add immensely to its prestige in this country and abroad. It will do more public relations work for us than any other individual or collective project. It will attract the attention of many who would otherwise ignore our organization. Thus, by widening our field of action and broadening our sphere of influence, the National Home of the Order will make it easier for the Sons of Italy to fulfill their lofty ideals and achieve their patriotic and humanitarian goals.

Mafia Theme

Entertainment Field Assailed By Ottaviano

WILMINGTON, Del. — First Assistant Supreme Venerable John Ottaviano of New Haven, Conn., lashed out at movies and television programs that "inject the Mafia theme without regard for fact and reality."

Ottaviano, principal speaker at the Delaware Grand Lodge Columbus Day dinner, spoke of the Order's campaign to puncture the Mafia myth.

He said in part:

"Every national group has its heroes and its good people of whom it can be justly proud. Each national group likewise has its 'bad apples' and must live with them. We offer no apologies, we condemn them and their actions as much and perhaps more than others.

"However, if Hollywood and television producers seize upon this unfortunate period of gangsterism (the 1920's) in our times and distort it way out of proportions by injecting the Mafia theme which has no basis of fact and reality, then right is on our side and we wish to protest and fight against this dastardly and irresponsible activity which again is not in keeping with the high principles of our American way of life. A way that has been defended, protected and preserved with the life blood and the crippling injuries of countless thousands of fighting men of Italian ancestry.

"I therefore call upon all of you present, regardless of your national origin to join in this crusade to remove this stain which is being spread across America.

"... Together we can strike a mighty blow for right and moral decency in this great country that we love so much. Even as Columbus opened up this great land to world civilization, as his descendants, let us accept the challenge to preserve it as it was rightly destined by God Who guided him to it."

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Venerable's office, \$7,500; Director's office, \$7,500; Supreme Council board room, \$20,000.

Second floor, meeting hall, \$50,000.

In commenting on the overall program of the drive, Volpe said:

"State Chairmen within the respective Grand Lodges will supervise and direct activities within their areas.

Frequent Reports

"They have been instructed to request frequent reports from lodge chairmen and to forward all donations received from lodge chairmen to The Sons of Italy Foundation in care of the Supreme Lodge at 1202 South Broad street, Philadelphia 46, Pa.

"All contributions will be recorded by Supreme Financial Secretary Americo A. DeMartini at the Supreme Lodge office.

"The national committee's four regional chairmen will serve as liaison between the state chair-

men under their jurisdiction and the national chairman.

"The success of the drive, however, is completely dependent upon the cooperation and the initiative of the lodges and its members.

"We want each member to feel that he is an integral part, that his modest contribution helped to put the last marble block in place in the construction of the National Memorial Home.

"The heart of this drive is the ordinary member, he is the backbone... it is his feeling of wanting to give, of wanting to go out and raise funds that will make our project a successful one.

"The national committee, at the present time, has not mapped out specific fund raising activities for the lodges throughout the country. This was done so as to give the lodge members free rein to plan their own functions to raise funds for this most worthwhile project."

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PRINCIPALS AT MASSACHUSETTS DINNER

Seated, left to right, Mrs. Peter E. A. Donadio, First Assistant Grand Venerable Peter E. A. Donadio, Grand Trustee Mrs. Anne M. Pascarelli; R. Francis Pascarelli; standing, left to right, Miss Sarah Bonanno, co-chairman; Grand Venerable Paul A. D'Agostino, Green Harbor, principal speaker, and Atty. Antonio E. F. Donadio, co-chairman.

Purple Predominates

Columbus Day Observances

Grand Lodges and individual lodges featured the color purple, placed wreaths at Columbus monuments, sponsored parades, memorial Masses and banquets in observances held throughout the country.

Some Columbus Day events follow.

Chicago, Ill.

CHICAGO.—The Grand Lodge of Illinois observed Columbus Day with a banquet attended by more than 800 persons at the Morrison Hotel.

Maurice M. Zusser, vice president of the Central National Bank, was principal speaker.

Other speakers were, Grand Venerable Humphrey Seritella, Italian Consul General Giacomo Profili, Assistant Grand Venerable Emil M. Caliendo, who also represented Gov. William G. Stratton and Col. Frank Chesrow, president of the Sanitary District of Chicago, who represented Mayor Richard Daley.

Ex-Supreme Venerable George J. Spatuzza, Chicago, was toastmaster. Grand Orator John G. Spatuzza, was banquet chairman.

Guests were presented purple carnations and purple, the official color of the Order, was used in the printing of the program and floral decorations.

A song, "Wearing of the Purple," composed by Grand Trustee Domenick M. Alberti, Chicago, was played at the banquet.

Denver, Colo.

DENVER, Colo. — Members of Denver Lodge No. 2075 sponsored a dance in observance of Columbus Day at the Brown Palace West.

In fostering the Order's "wearing of the purple" campaign, Venerable John DeCicco presented Gov. Stephen L. R. Nichols with a Purple Aster at the governor's office.

Binghamton, N. Y.

BINGHAMTON, N. Y. — More than 350 persons attended the Columbus Day dinner-dance sponsored by Binghamton Lodge No. 487 and Silver Star Lodge No. 1916.

Speakers at the dinner were, the Rev. Fr. P. Giuseppe Cesa, C.M., pastor of Our Lady of Pompei Church, Baltimore, Md., Venerable Samuel Ruffo, Venerable Mary Chesna, the Rev. Fr. V. James Lauducci, and Henry Marean, principal of Christopher Columbus School.

Samuel Pasquale, general chairman, was toastmaster.

Other highlights of the observ-

ance included a parade and placing of a wreath before a portrait of the Great Navigator at the Columbus School.

Cortland, N. Y.

CORTLAND, N. Y. — Victor Bahou of the College of Education, State University, was principal speaker at the Columbus Day dinner-dance sponsored by members of San Rocco Lodge No. 1632.

His topic was "The Spirit of Columbus and the World Around Us."

Glen Cove, N. Y.

GLEN COVE, N. Y. — Past Grand Venerable Francis X. Giaccione, former state supreme court justice, was principal speaker at the Columbus Day banquet sponsored by Glen Cove Lodge No. 1016 and John Michael Marino Lodge No. 1389 of Port Washington. More than 500 persons attended.

Guests were, Supreme Trustee Joseph A. Nigro, Grand Trustee Dario Ramazzotti, Port Washington; Venerable John Murro, Port Washington; Venerable Andrew C. Bongiorno, Mayor Joseph A. Suozzi, Nassau County Executive A. Holly Paterson, the Rev. Fr. Leonardo Pavone, Port Washington; Suffragate Judge John D. Bennett, and Town Clerk Clinton Martin, North Hempstead. Domenick J. Imbese was toastmaster.

The color purple was used in floral decorations and printing of the program.

Bound Brook, N. J.

BOUND BROOK, N.J.—Members of Antonio Salandra Lodge No. 394 honored the memory of Christopher Columbus at a dinner held in the Sons of Italy Auditorium.

Anthony B. Ricci, chairman, welcomed the gathering. The color purple was predominant in the floral decorations.

The committee, Dominick Buono, Thomas Gallo, Patsy Ricci, Michael Sarao, John Longo, Louis Cozza, Daniel Rotunno, John Buono, Peter Jannone, Ralph Rotunno and Michael A. Ricci.

Corning, N. Y. Lodge Presents 50-Star Flag to Library

CORNING, N. Y.—Presentation of a 50-star flag to the Corning Public Library, wearing of the color purple, and a dinner were highlights of the Columbus Day observance sponsored by members of William Marconi Lodge No. 154 Women's Lodge.

The flag was presented to library officials by Venerable Dominic Asiello, and Mrs. Dominic Asiello, venerable of the women's lodge. Michael Miller was chairman of the lodge committee.

M. Maurice Chacchia, Geneva, was principal speaker at the dinner at which the color purple was featured.

Allentown, Pa.

ALLENTOWN, Pa. — Peter T. Campon, Binghamton, N.Y., noted speaker on the life of Christopher Columbus, was principal speaker at the annual Columbus Day banquet here.

The dinner, attended by 600 persons, was sponsored by the Allentown Council of Italian-American organizations of which the Allentown Sons of Italy Lodge is a member.

Clarksburg, W. Va.

CLARKSBURG, W. Va. — Second Assistant Supreme Venerable Amedeo H. Volpe, Schenectady, N. Y., was principal speaker at the Columbus Day dinner-dance sponsored by William Marconi Lodge No. 1140.

A highlight of the observance was the induction of 50 new members at ceremonies held in the afternoon.

Purple emblems were distributed to guests.

Washington, D. C.

WASHINGTON, D. C. — A parade, placing of wreaths, memorial Mass and a dance were highlights of the Columbus Day observance sponsored by members of Roma Lodge No. 71 and the Knights of Columbus.

The memorial Mass, at Holy Rosary Church, was followed by the parade.

Wreaths were placed at the monument of Christopher Columbus at the Union Station Square.

The dance in the evening was held in the Knights of Columbus Hall.

Massachusetts

2 Honored At Boston Testimonial

BOSTON, Mass.—First Assistant Grand Venerable Peter E. A. Donadio and Grand Trustee Mrs. Anne M. Pascarelli, both of Dorchester, were honored at a testimonial dinner sponsored by Dorchester Men's Lodge No. 1848 and Grazia Deledda Lodge No. 1783 at the New Brunswick Hotel.

Grand Venerable Paul A. D'Agostino, Green Harbor, principal speaker, paid tribute to the honored guests for their years of service to the Order and expressed his appreciation "for having two such worthy and conscientious members on the Grand Council."

Atty. Antonio E. F. Donadio, a member of the Dorchester Lodge and co-chairman of the event, was toastmaster.

Miss Sarah Bonanno, Deledda Lodge co-chairman, presented a bouquet of roses to Grand Trustee Pascarelli and Mrs. Donadio.

Commemorative gifts were presented the honored guests by their respective lodge Venerables, Anthony D. Messina and Victoria M. Ierardi.

Guests included Supreme Trustee Modest Mele, Everett; Ex-Grand Venerable John Guarino, East Boston; Second Assistant Grand Venerable Mrs. Madeline Miceli, Medford; Grand Orator R. Alfred Campisi, Waltham; Grand Financial Secretary Frank W. Liberatore, Fitchburg; Grand Treasurer Jerry Leone, Newton; Grand Trustees: Olindo Ventola, Revere; Antonio Mosca, Boston; Joseph A. Toscano, Worcester; John L. Moschilli, Milford; Louis Salvatore, Brockton; Mario Colombo, Beverly; Joseph V. Nuccio, Lynnfield, and Past Assistant Grand Venerable Stephen D. Baccalupo.

Also, Edward E. DeSimone, treasurer, insurance benefit commission; Joseph Furnari, chairman charity commission and administrative assistant to the Grand Venerable; Guy J. Rizzotto, chairman, magazine commission; Elsie Apicella, chairman, organization and development commission; Teresa Rosati, chairman, scholarship commission; Hector D'Amato, chairman, hospitalization commission; Helen Cagno, chairman, public relations commission; Grand Deputy Mauro Rio, Grand Deputy Rose McIntyre and R. Francis Pascarelli.

The committee: Josephine Lembo, Rita Restieri, Vincent Panico, Antonio J. LaBollita, Patrick L. Restieri, R. Francis Pascarelli and Frank P. Perrone.

HOLIDAY GREETINGS
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"E Pluribus Unum" Lodge
No. 1447
GIRARDVILLE, PA.

Greetings For Christmas Maria Montessori Lodge
No. 1711
Uniontown, Pa.

Christmas and New Year Greetings
GUIDO BACCELLI LODGE
No. 687
West Chester, Pa.

Joyous Holiday Season Greetings
GABRIELE D'ANNUNZIO LODGE
No. 187
Domenic Liberl Venerable
Philadelphia, Pa.

What They Said

Here are excerpts from the speeches made at the Washington banquet for the Apostolic Delegate to the United States:

U. S. District Court Judge Anthony Julian

"The Catholic Church throughout its early growth in the United States had to overcome serious obstacles.

"The church, with its current membership of 37,000,000, has made considerable advances when compared to 30,000 members at its beginning at about 1790.

"... In 1791 we had the first amendment to the Constitution of the United States. The amendment prevented Congress from passing any law that would hinder the free exercise of religion.

Prejudices Against Church

"We see the Catholic Church established in this country against overwhelming odds. The prejudices against the church were nurtured through generations in Europe and in the course of time these prejudices caused groups to break away from the church. These prejudices were brought here. The surroundings here helped to dissipate these prejudices.

"The growth of the church was aided in a great measure by the Irish Catholics who preceded the wave of Italian migration by two generations.

"The first influx of Italian immigrants to this country came in 1890. And from 1900 to 1910 some two million Italians entered the country.

"... The sum total of Italian migration to the United States from 1820 to 1950 was 4,777,000.

"The migration of Italian people to this country far exceeded

the total number that have come from Ireland.

"While their number far exceeded the Irish migration, the Italian contribution to the Catholic Church up to 35 years ago has not been impressive.

Language Barrier

"The principal reasons perhaps were the language barrier, anti-clericalism which had been experienced in Italy, and a scarcity of priests of the same temperament as the Italian people.

"... A change has come about however, because of the attack against the church in the 18th Century and the attempt in the 19th Century to take God out of civilization which has brought on Communism.

"Another factor which helped to strengthen the bond between the church and the working class was the Charter of Labor drafted in 1891 by His Eminence James Cardinal Gibbons.

"The Catholic Church has grown in number in its priests and nuns... There are now 260 Catholic universities, and 2500 high schools with more than one million pupils.

"At the turn of the Century, support of foreign missions by Catholics in this country was of little consequence. In 1904 American Catholics contributed \$100,000 to foreign missions. Today, 65 per cent of the money raised to support the missions is contributed by American Catholics."

Archbishop Egidio Vagnozzi

"The presentation you offer me tonight belongs not to me alone, but also to His Holiness Pope John who made it possible.

"I know, for I have talked with him, lived by his side and by my collaboration with him.

"With the death of Pope Pius XII, God gave us charity in the person of Pope John XXIII. To be near the Holy Father is a great thrill.

"I would like to reveal to you that whatever I am, or whatever I am to be, I owe to God.

His Mother Concerned

"As a child my mother was afraid that I would turn out to be the black sheep of the family because of my mischievous behavior. She would often say to me, 'I pity the woman who will marry you.' Almighty God took care of that!

"When I announced to my family that I wanted to become a priest I created a stir. My mother, greatly concerned, turned to me and said: 'I fear you will become a bad priest.' God took care of that!

"I wanted so much to become a missionary, but it was never

to be. I was called to be a diplomat.

"And so I became a citizen of the Vatican and I lost my Italian citizenship.

"Several speakers tonight have mentioned my human touch. Maybe because I am from humble stock that I can perhaps understand the mind of the working class.

17-Year Absence

"It is a great glorification for me to return to the United States after an absence of 17 years.

"There has been considerable progress in the church, in its organization and in the Italian people here.

"... Here the children and grandchildren of the early Italian immigrants are better Catholics than their grandparents. But, they are to be credited with the success of their children.

"You are Americans and you can thank God that you are Americans.

"... I want to thank the Order Sons of Italy in America for helping to unify and solidify the Italian-American people and for keeping them in constant contact with the Catholic Church."

Supreme Venerable Joseph Gorrasi

"It is a happy occasion for me to bring the greetings to the apostolic delegate of all our brothers and sisters of the Order Sons of Italy in America.

"I learned first hand of the humanism, the kind and humble nature of the apostolic delegate

at a dinner given to Italy's Premier Antonio Segni during his recent visit to Washington.

"I was introduced to the archbishop and was about to thank him for accepting our invitation for this evening's dinner.

"Before I could say anything, Archbishop Vagnozzi proceeded



APOSTOLIC DELEGATE PRESENTED AWARD

The Rt. Rev. Msgr. Guido L. Pallotta, Revere, Mass., right, Supreme Chaplain, presents plaque to His Excellency, Archbishop Vagnozzi. Supreme Recording Secretary Joseph A. L. Errigo, Wilmington, Del., center, toastmaster, looks on.



SPEAKS FOR GRAND VENERABLES

President Judge Eugene V. Alessandrini, Philadelphia, Grand Venerable of the Pennsylvania Order, addresses audience on behalf of the Grand Venerables of the Order. At left are Mrs. Manlio Brosio, wife of the Italian Ambassador to the United States and Archbishop Vagnozzi.

to thank me most sincerely for the honor we were to accord to him.

"... One of the cardinal principles of the Order is to retain the love and respect for the traditions and history of Italy.

"There is no question of our loyalty to America. But neither do we forget the ties of love and friendship for our mother country Italy.

Close Ties

"We held close to those ties during the latter part of World War II and the years following the war.

"To aid the impoverished people of Italy we raised food, clothing and money. Perhaps the sum total of what we accomplished was small in comparison to the needs of the Italian people, but it was our contribution. We would not and we could not forget Italy in her time of need.

"... Ours is a unique organization in the sense that we offer something to our members and to our youth that can't be fully transmitted to them in our schools.

"It is the Order Sons of Italy in America that emphasizes the love and the heritage of Italy and instills both in the heart and soul of our children. If we continue to do only this, we will have justified our existence.

"If our Order is to grow and to gain in prestige, it can do so only by working with our mother church because it will lead us to peace and a free world."

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er's first Supreme Chaplain, appointed in 1958, presented a plaque to Archbishop Vagnozzi on behalf of the Supreme Lodge.

In making the presentation Supreme Chaplain Pallotta called it an "historic first" and said, "We are the ones who are being honored by his presence here."

The inscription on the plaque read in part:

"To Archbishop Egidio Vagnozzi, Apostolic Delegate to the United States, the 'American' eyes, ears and heart of Pope John XXIII, now gloriously reigning, in token of our steadfast loyalty and filial affection."

The reference to "American" acknowledges Archbishop Vagnozzi's ten-year stay in this country from 1932 to 1942, when as a monsignor he served variously as secretary, auditor and counselor to the apostolic delegation in Washington.

In his acceptance remarks, Archbishop Vagnozzi thanked the Sons of Italy for the tribute and for the organization's assistance in helping to unify and solidify Italo-Americans and for keeping them in constant contact with the Catholic Church.

Speakers

Other speakers included Dr. Manlio Brosio, Ambassador to the United States from the Republic of Italy; Archbishop Patrick A. O'Boyle of the archdiocese of Washington, D. C.; President

14 Grand Lodges Represented at Prelate's Dinner

The Order's dinner to Archbishop Egidio Vagnozzi, Apostolic Delegate to the United States, reached national proportions with members from 14 of the Order's 21 Grand Lodges attending.

Traveling the greatest distance were members of the Grand Lodge of Illinois and the Grand Lodge of Ontario, Canada.

Largest delegation in attendance was from the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

Other Grand Lodges represented were, Connecticut, Delaware, Indiana, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, Rhode Island, Virginia and West Virginia.

Judge Eugene V. Alessandrini, Philadelphia, Grand Venerable of the Pennsylvania Order; Rocco Siciliano, administrative assistant to President Eisenhower, and Robert McLaughlin, president of commissioners of the District of Columbia.

The Rt. Rev. Msgr. William J. McDonald, rector, Catholic University of America, said the benediction.

Supreme Recording Secretary Joseph A. L. Errigo, Wilmington, Del., was toastmaster. He also was general chairman.

Judge Julian, a papal knight of the Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem, spoke on the growth of the Catholic Church in America and some of the obstacles that the Church had to overcome.

First Meeting

Supreme Venerable Gorrasi said he learned first hand of the "humanism, the kind and humble nature of the apostolic delegate" at a dinner given to Italy's Premier Antonio Segni during his recent visit to Washington.

"I was introduced to the archbishop and was about to thank him for accepting our invitation for this evening's dinner.

"Before I could say anything, Archbishop Vagnozzi proceeded to thank me most sincerely for the honor we were to accord to him."

Ambassador Brosio noted the enthusiasm of the Order and the Italo-American people throughout the United States in contributing to the welfare of Italy and in keeping alive the history and traditions of the land of their origin.

Archbishop O'Boyle

Archbishop O'Boyle praised the Order for the tribute to the apostolic delegate and for its assistance to Italy. He also said he was proud to see that the largest delegation present was from his home state of Pennsylvania.

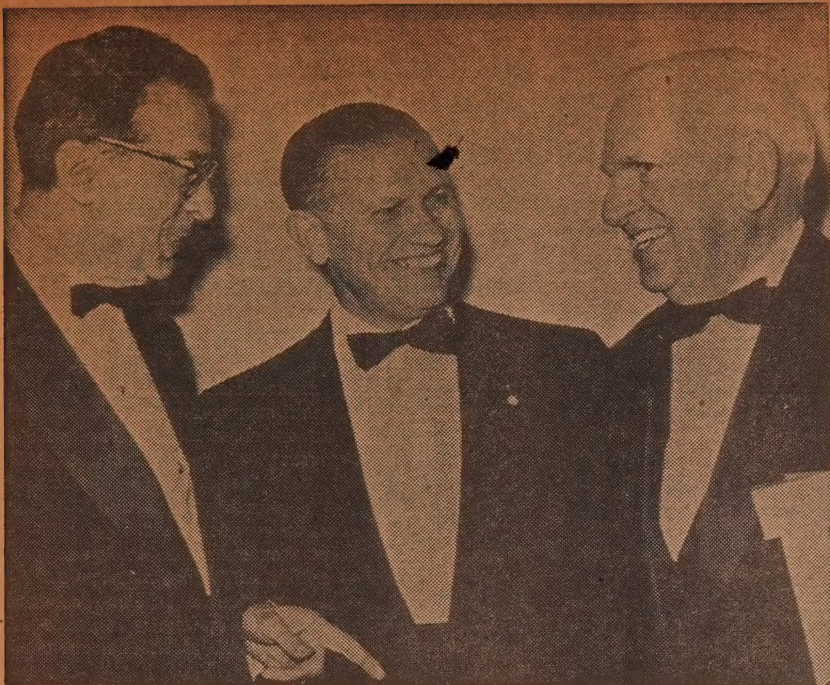
Speaking of the apostolic delegate he said, "What appeals to us is his human touch, part of which comes from himself and from his association in Paris with His Holiness Pope John, who in 1946 served as Papal Nuncio to France."

Judge Alessandrini, speaking on behalf of all Grand Venerables of the Order, said, "We have an obligation and a pledge to remain true to the Roman tradition."

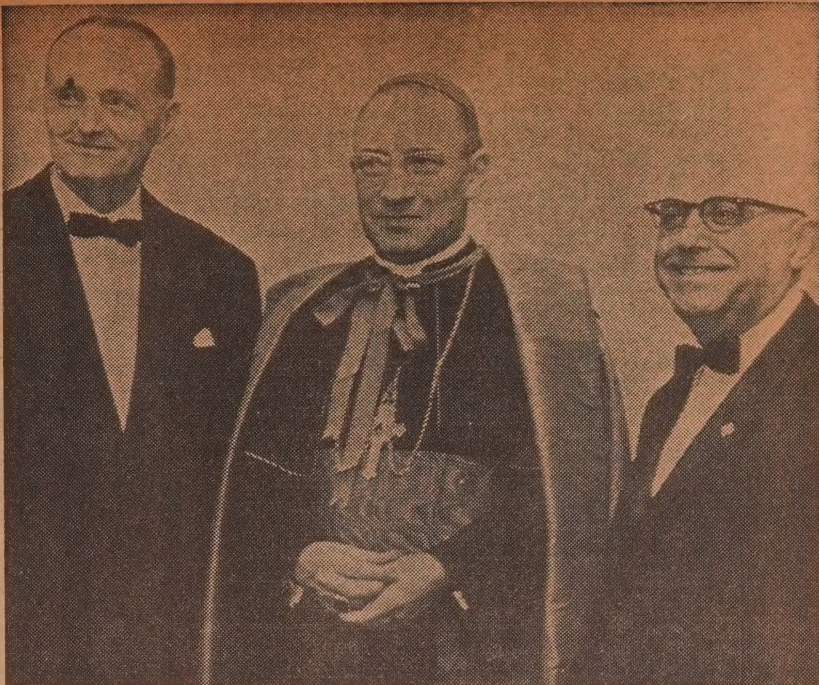
"Our life and our future," he said, "can only exist and thrive through spiritual guidance."

Presidential Administrative Assistant Siciliano brought the greetings of President Eisenhower.

Commissioner McLaughlin extended the official greetings of the District of Columbia in welcoming Archbishop Vagnozzi and the members of the Order to Washington.



National Home Committee members attending the dinner were, left to right, Ex-Supreme Venerable George J. Spatuzza, Chicago, chairman of Region 3; National Chairman John A. Volpe, Winchester, Mass., and Special National Deputy William Amoroso, Washington, D. C., chairman of Region 2.



From left to right, Dr. Manlio Brosio, Ambassador to the United States from the Republic of Italy; His Excellency, the Most Reverend Archbishop Egidio Vagnozzi, Apostolic Delegate to the United States, and Supreme Venerable Joseph Gorrasi, Woburn, Mass.

A Cameraman's View of Dinner To The Apostolic Delegate

This is a pictorial review of the Supreme Lodge's testimonial dinner to the Apostolic Delegate to the United States held in Washington, D. C. The list of guests included top officials of the Order, prominent members of the Catholic hierarchy, representatives of the Italian government and civic and public officials. The tribute to Archbishop Egidio Vagnozzi was the first of its kind ever tendered by a national organization in this country.



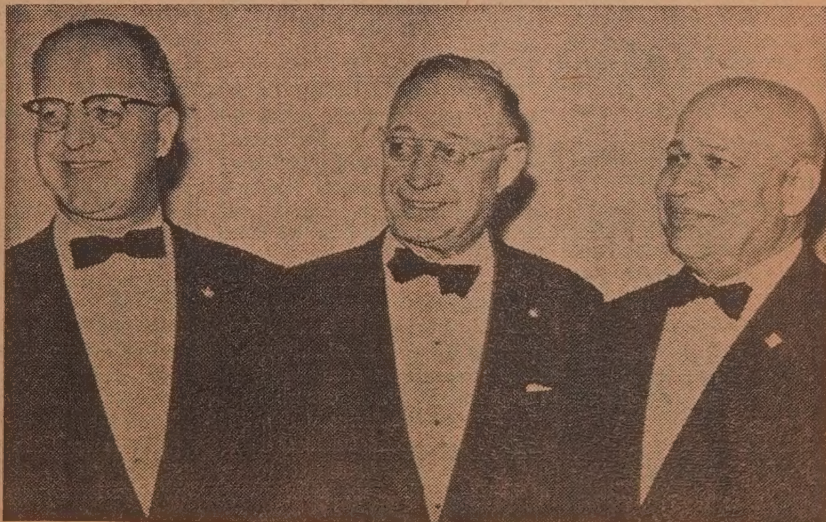
From left to right, the Rev. Fr. Roberto Balducci, Wilmington, Grand Chaplain of Delaware; the Rt. Rev. Msgr. William J. McDonald, rector, Catholic University; the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Guido L. Pallotta, Supreme Chaplain, and the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Albert A. Jacobbe, East Boston, Grand Chaplain of Massachusetts.



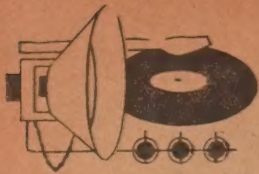
From left to right, Supreme Financial Secretary Americo A. DeMartini, Philadelphia; Supreme Venerable Joseph Gorrasi; U. S. District Judge Anthony Julian, Watertown, Mass., principal speaker, Archbishop Egidio Vagnozzi, Apostolic Delegate to the United States; the Most Rev. Patrick A. O'Boyle, Archbishop of Washington, D. C., and Supreme Recording Secretary Joseph A. L. Errigo, Wilmington, Del., toastmaster.



From left to right, First Assistant Supreme Venerable John Ottaviano, New Haven, Conn.; the Very Rev. William J. Bunn, president, Georgetown University, and U. S. District Judge John J. Sirica, Washington, D. C.



Supreme Lodge officers, from left to right, Supreme Orator Joseph C. Palermo, Ambler, Pa.; Judge Felix Forte, Somerville, Mass., Past Supreme Venerable, and Supreme Treasurer Joseph Cernuto, Mt. Pleasant, Pa.



RECORDS IN REVIEW

By A. ALFRED MARCELLO

The holidays are just around the corner and we don't know of a better medium of providing Christmas cheer than the gift of an album or two. The record shops are bulging with new releases and many of these are the multiple album sets.

There is a wide variety of selections, particularly in stereo. Some of the recent releases are enough to have the avid hi-fan rub his hands in anticipation of gratifying results.

Among the most industrious of the major producers turning out an excellent choice of multiple sets in stereo is London. This is the enterprising producer who earlier this year came up with the first complete recording of Wagner's **DAS RHEINGOLD**. Although we are not overly fond of Wagner operas we must confess that London's **DAS RHEINGOLD** is the best operatic recording we have ever heard. It is overpowering in its broad dimensions.

The stereophonic technique in this recording is flawless. Close your eyes and you can get a bit of the illusion of visual performance.

The stars are Kirsten Flagstad, George London and Jean Madeira, among others. George Solti conducts the Vienna Philharmonic Orchestra with beautiful restraint.

This is a top collector's item and anyone would appreciate it as a gift.

London's stereo version of Puccini's **TURNADOT** is another choice item for Christmas giving. This complete recording features Renata Tebaldi, Mario Del Monaco and Inge Borkh, who sings the title role.

Alberto Erede conducts the Accademia Del Santa Cecilia Orchestra of Rome, and does an admirable job of conducting while keeping a firm but persuasive rein on the singers.

TURNADOT was Puccini's last opera and to many it ranks as his most ambitious undertaking. Puccini died before he actually completed the opera, the last few pages were left incomplete at his death, but this is of no importance.

This is one of Puccini's more spectacular works. It ranks top billing in our book.

Arrigo Boito's **MEFISTOFELE** is another London multiple set of recordings that is worthy of consideration. Three of the top favorites in opera—Cesare Siepi, Renata Tebaldi and Mario Del Monaco sing the principal roles. And here again the incomparable chorus and orchestra of Accademia Di Santa Cecilia of Rome makes this an interesting and vital excursion in stereo recording. Tullio Serafin is the conductor and his reading is mature and heart-warming.

A couple of other multiple album sets ideal for Christmas gifts are Smetana's **MA VLAST** and Bach's **BRANDENBURG CONCERTOS**. These are also put out of the London hopper. Rafael Kubelik conducts the Vi-

enna Philharmonic Orchestra in **MA VLAST** and Karl Munchinger conducts the Stuttgart Chamber Orchestra in the Bach works.

You can't go wrong with either of these two albums.

Warner Bros. has come up with an ingenious recording in the new release, **WE WISH YOU A MERRY CHRISTMAS**. This one should make quite a package for a holiday gift. A number of Warner Bros. stars lend their vocal talents to 15 Christmas favorites. The result adds up to an entertaining album.

Effrem Zimbalist, Jr., star of the TV series *77 Sunset Strip*, for example, sings *Adeste Fideles*. An effective performance. The same can be said of Peter Brown's (Lawman) rendition of *Winter Wonderland*; Ty Hardin (Bronco) singing *It Came Upon a Midnight Clear*; Connie Stevens (Hawaiian Eye) with her *Away in a Manger*, and Ray Danton's (The Alaskans) interpretation of *God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen*.

Another new Warner Bros. release is John Scott Trotter's **MUSIC HALL**. This one is billed as a tribute to "eight great stars—their hits and musical portraits."

Wonderful sound and wonderful music. There are such gems as Al Jolson's *Sonny Boy*; Bing Crosby's *Where the Blue of the Night*; Perry Como's *Dream Along With Me*, and Fred Astaire's *Top Hat, White Tie and Tails*.

Capsule Reviews

MARCELLO: Psalm XVIII; Italian baroque music performed by a brace of experts. Westminster label. Benedetto Marcello has given the music world a number of gems in this type of music. This recording is lushly impressive. Wanda Madonna, contralto; Nino Adami, tenor and Roberto Caruano, cello, with the Polyphonic Chorus of Turin and the Milan Angelicum Orchestra with Aladar Janes conducting.

LOCATELLI: Concerto Grossi; I Musici; this recording is part of the Monumenta Italicae Musicae series. These works of an Italian baroque composer get handsome treatment on Epic stereo.

ADAM: Giselle Ballet; highlights. Jean Martinon conducts the Paris Conservatory Orchestra. On London label. Brilliant sound and undoubtedly the superior of other recordings we have heard of this priceless ballet.

ROSSINI: Overtures: William Tell, La Scala di Sete, The Barber of Seville, among others. Spectacular sound by RCA Victor. Especially impressive is the trumpet fanfare that begins the final section of William Tell Overture.

BARTOK: Concerto for Orchestra; Ernest Ansermet conducting the Suisse Romane Orchestra. Ansermet does a masterful job. He has a delicacy of touch to this haunting music. On stereo and one of the best.

Letter to Sponsors of "The Untouchables"

Postpone Showing of Mafia Film

The Order's National Committee on Public Relations recently wrote to all the sponsors of the television series "The Untouchables." These letters were mailed to the public relations directors of the following companies: Armour & Co., Chicago, Ill.; Warner-Lambert Pharmaceutical Co., Morris Plain, N. J.; Ludens, Inc., Reading, Pa.; E. I. duPont de Nemours & Co., Wilmington, Del.; Lewis Howe Co., St. Louis, Mo.; Liggett & Meyers Tobacco Co., New York, N. Y.; Carnation Co., Los Angeles, Calif.; Proctor & Gamble Co., Cincinnati, Ohio, and Bulova Watch Co., Flushing, N. Y.

A copy of the letter follows:

Gentlemen:

As one of the sponsors of the current television series, "The Untouchables" we thought perhaps you would be interested in the reaction stemming from the postponement of the production scheduled for showing on the evening of October 29.

This is the production entitled "The Noise of Death" with J. Carroll Naish as the star. And this is the production which had been ballyhooed as giving the "viewer an insight on Mafia operations."

Several weeks ago we sent you and other sponsors of these series some correspondence to show the position of the Order Sons of Italy in America in this matter. For sometime now our organization has been conducting a campaign to curb the use of the word Mafia.

We are pressing this campaign because millions of Americans of Italian origin feel that they are being slandered and defamed by the constant use of the word Mafia without regard for established facts.

In our correspondence to your company we pointed out that delegates to the national convention of our organization in Boston last August voted to take steps to institute a legal boycott against those sponsors who in any way helped to nurture the Mafia myth.

Our membership throughout the United States and Canada has been alerted through advisory bulletins to monitor the series, "The Untouchables" and to take necessary action if any of

these series had anything to do with the Mafia theme.

Since October 30 this office has been flooded with letters and telegrams from our members expressing appreciation that the sponsors had seen fit to postpone the production in question. These members have asked me as chairman of our organization's National Committee on Public Relations to convey their appreciation to the sponsors and urge the sponsors to withdraw the production "The Noise of Death" from these series.

We ask that you give this request your most serious consideration. We are prepared to show to all those concerned that the Attorney General of the United States has stated publicly and in letters that no "particular nationality group has any monopoly on crime in the United States."

Also we are prepared to show statements from a number of responsible public officials to prove that wide theatric and literary license has been taken, unwittingly or otherwise, in the use of the word Mafia.

You should know that our organization is prepared to back this campaign with every resource at its command.

We hope that we will hear from you soon in this matter. If you have a message you would like to get to our members we offer you the facilities of our committee as well as those of our national newspaper, **OSIA NEWS**.

With every best wish, I am

Respectfully yours,

A. ALFRED MARCELLO,
National Chairman

MAFIA CAMPAIGN

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proposed showing the chairman of the National Committee on Public Relations mailed a series of letters to all those concerned with the production of "The Untouchables" series.

These letters spelled out the Order's position in the matter of exploiting the Mafia theme in shows without regard for established facts.

Immediately following the announcement that the program scheduled for showing on October 29 had been postponed, the chairman of the Public Relations Committee, wrote to each of the sponsors of "The Untouchables." A copy of this letter will be found on page 6 of this edition.

In the letter the sponsors were asked to withdraw the production in question from the series.

As this edition went to press none of the sponsors had replied to this letter.

The plan to establish an index of objectionable material has come as a result of demands from members of the Order that something be done about "trash magazines and books" appearing on news stands throughout the country.

A number of copies of objectionable publications have been sent to the Committee. And a study of these publications substantiates the charges made by members.

The most objectionable of these publications was one sent by Joseph Cava, a member of the California Order. This is a pocket-sized book published by Fawcett Publications, Inc. The title is "TEEN-AGE MAFIA."

This book serves no good purpose. The author and the publishers are obviously taking advantage of the current to-do over the Mafia to boost newstand sales.

The proposed "index" plan calls for two classifications—par-

tially objectionable and wholly objectionable.

"Teen Age Mafia" is unacceptable on all counts for reasons cited previously. The book is a distortion of facts.

"Brotherhood of Evil: The Mafia," on the other hand is objectionable only in part. While the author, Frederic Sondern, Jr., compiled material which is not consistent with established facts, his book did shed light on the operations of crime syndicates.

Objections to the book are that it takes generous literary license and readers cannot define where fiction ends and fact begins.

Members are asked to forward copies of any publication they believe objectionable to the chairman of the Public Relations Committee for screening. After the book has been screened it will be classified as we have outlined. If objectionable in any form the publication will be placed on the Order's index and members will be notified accordingly.

No member should take any action on his own without first consulting the Public Relations Committee.

We point this up as a protective measure, not only for the Order but for the individual member as well. A program such as ours has legal complications. Whatever steps we take in our campaign must be through proper legal channels.

The wheels may grind slowly, but so far what we have done has been dignified, well thought out and has paid rich dividends.

The Index

With this issue of **OSIA NEWS** we introduce the "Sons of Italy Index." This index will catalogue movies, television programs, magazines, books, etc. The index will be published whenever the occasion demands it. The index will serve to alert members of the Order to entertainment or reading material of an objectionable nature. There will be two categories (1) objectionable on all counts and (2) objectionable in part.

Here are the listings for this month:

TEEN-AGE MAFIA: pocket-sized book published by Fawcett Publications, Inc., Greenwich, Conn.; Wenzell Brown, the author. Objectionable on all counts.

MENACE OF THE MAFIA: article featured in the October 1959 issue of *Bold*, pocket-sized magazine. Reckless use of the Mafia theme with material wholly unsubstantiated. Objectionable on all counts.

BROTHERHOOD OF EVIL: THE MAFIA: Widely publicized so-called expose of the Mafia by Frederic Sondern, Jr.; published in book form, and in condensed form in *Reader's Digest*; now under consideration for the movies. Sondern gives readers an excellent insight in operations of crime syndicates, but obviously what he has to say about the Mafia is not consistent with established fact. Objectionable in part.

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

STELLA D'ITALIA
LODGE NO. 1498
FRESNO, CALIF.

Merry Christmas
and a
Happy and Prosperous
New Year

Queen Margaret
Lodge No. 1423
SACRAMENTO, CALIF.

HOLIDAY
BEST WISHES

GABRIELE
D'ANNUNZIO
LODGE NO. 1585
SANTA MARIA, CALIF.

da Ernesto L. Biagi

Paragrafi Brevi

Senza Testa e Mutilato

La statua del "Vincitore" in uno dei famosi musei europei, non e' che un frammento consistente del torso, senza testa e mutilato.

L'Italo-americano, in visita per la prima volta in Italia, non e' affatto impressionato dalla bellezza artistica del marmo e non sa spiegarsi che rappresenti.

"What is it?" domanda al cicerone che accompagna il gruppo.

"E' la statua del Vincitore..." risponde la guida.

"Vincitore?!... Allora figuriamoci in che stato doveva essere stato ridotto il vinto!"

La Lingua Italiana in America

La lingua di Dante, in America, e' come la statua del Vincitore, mutilata e senza testa. L'Italo-americano, (che ne ha colpa soltanto fino a un certo punto,) non e' affatto impressionato dalla bellezza armoniosa del dolce idioma, ne' sa spiegarsi il perche' della nostra insistenza a perorarne la causa.

Ma se lo spiega benissimo l'ottuagenario segretario archivista della Loggia Uguaglianza, No. 83 del Bronx, New York, fratello Antonio Sessa il quale e' disturbato dall'indifferenza verso la lingua italiana da parte di gerarchi vecchi e nuovi e da parte, anche, di fratelli e sorelle vecchi e giovani.

"Si e' arrivato," scrive il fratello Sessa, "al punto di eliminare persino il nome delle Logge che si citano soltanto col numero e d'ora in avanti dobbiamo abituarci ad essere catalogati secondo il sistema carcerario!"

Il fratello Sessa si augura che la pagina italiana di OSIA NEWS continui ad essere pubblicata per il godimento dei vecchi come lui che attraverso la lingua di Dante vedono ancora uno squarcio di cielo Italico!

Strofetta Senza Rima

Di spirito sottile, un tale disse:

"Chi di gallina nasce, in terra ruspi!"

M'ha domandato un giovane curioso:

"Che differenza, dici tu, che passi tra l'uomo ricco e l'uomo ch'e' SIGNORE?"

E' facile veder la differenza:

Ricco, pur senza pregio, si diventa,

Mentre signor, vero SIGNOR, si nasce!

L'Inno al Sole

Quello che molti avevano sperato che sarebbe stato scelto come l'Inno Nazionale della Repubblica Italiana, "L'Inno al Sole" di Pietro Mascagni, e' stato ora scelto come l'Inno Ufficiale dei Giochi Olimpici l'anno venturo a Roma.

L'Inno di Mameli, intendiamoci, e' pure un bell'Inno, ed e' caro alle grandi tradizioni risorgimentali del popolo Italiano, come il fatidico Inno di Garibaldi, ma l'Inno al Sole, ha la solenne marzialita' di un popolo che ha scosso il giogo, che si e' destato e che cammina fiducioso verso il futuro, sempre fiero del suo grande passato.

La Scritta e' sul Muro

Così ha scritto sul "The American Citizen" il suo Direttore Victor Failla, "parlando col cuore in mano e con la piu' schietta sincerita', ai vecchi amici lettori di questo giornale. La scritta e' sul muro e i nostri giorni sono contati..."

L'ignoranza della lingua italiana e l'indifferenza di quelli che la conoscono, ma se ne impippano, stanno uccidendo un altro periodico italiano!

Nel Massachusetts la stazione radio WBOS ha annunciato che "La Voce Italiana" non sara' piu' messa in onda! La mancanza della Voce Italiana lascerà un gran vuoto nelle nostre case; verra' a mancare un amico di famiglia, una persona cara..." Così, ha scritto alla Gazzetta una ascoltatrice affezionata della "Voce" che sta morendo, uccisa dall'ignoranza e dall'indifferenza!

I padroni della stazione Radio e del giornale settimanale, si son fatti i conti ed hanno constatato che la "Voce" parlava a troppo poche persone e il "Cittadino" lo leggevano soltanto quelli che noi chiamiamo "sbafatori intemerati."

La lingua Italiana, nella stampa, nella radio e in tutti i mezzi culturali quali il teatro, la conferenza, ecc., va sopportata E NON A CHIACCHIERE SOLTANTO!

Un proverbio curioso...

A buon intenditor, poche parole; ma dette a voce alta perche' le intenda!

Pennsylvania

3 Awarded Italy's Star Of Solidarity

PHILADELPHIA — The Republic of Italy's Star of Solidarity medal was presented to three prominent Italo-Americans at ceremonies held in the office of Italian Consul General Dr. Giovanni Luciolli.

Recipients were Grand Trustee Ernest M. Strollo, Germantown; Andrew Sordani, Wilkes-Barre, former secretary of state, and Thomas DelVecchio, court interpreter.

In making the presentations, Doctor Luciolli praised the recipients for their work towards cementing Italian-American relations.

Supreme and Grand Lodge officers attending the ceremonies included Dr. A. L. Ventura, Norristown, Supreme Trustee; Supreme Trustee Silvio Parrella, Wilkes-Barre; President Judge Eugene V. Alessandrini, Grand Venerable of the Pennsylvania Order; Grand Orator Nicholas A. Cipriani, Grand Recording Secretary Ernest L. Biagi, Glenside; Grand Trustee Joseph Monte, Springfield, and Charles Amodei, president of the Dante School at Concordville.

The Supreme Chaplain's Corner

CHRISTmas

By RT. REV. MSGR. GUIDO L. PALLOTTA

One of the many lessons we learn from the observance of Christmas is this: greatness is achieved only through simplicity. Our Lord taught us this at His birth and throughout His life on earth. "The meek shall possess the land," and, "Unless you become as little children, you shall not enter the kingdom of heaven," and "be ye simple as doves."

Consider the birth of Christ! What could be simpler? A Babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger; the Author of the universe Who gives motion to the planets, Who holds in His hands the destiny of rulers and nations—a helpless Babe in a stable. He could have been born in the richest of palaces, surrounded with the greatest of comforts, attended by an impressive array of servants. But, no, He despises and rejects all those things we mortals chase: riches, power, luxury, pleasure, pomp, prestige. Why?

To teach us that greatness is reached only through simplicity. In assuming our humanity, He proceeded from greatness to simplicity, to show us that only through our simplicity may we attain greatness with Him.

Though all the appurtenances that go with royalty are absent at our Lord's birth, we nevertheless adore Him as our King and God. Had He come amongst us like other worldly kings, surrounded by pomp, rapt in worldly splendor, accompanied by powerful armies, supported by riches and power; we should have feared Him as a conqueror, but not loved Him as our Saviour; we should have paid Him tribute out of our possessions, but not given Him the homage of our hearts; we should have obeyed Him as a ruler, but not adored Him and loved Him as our God.

To serve such a King in simplicity, is to reign with Him in greatness!



FR. PALLOTTA

Season's Greetings

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Friends in the Order Sons of Italy
in America for a Happy and Holy
Christmas Season.

Joseph A. L. Errigo

Supreme Recording Secretary

Wilmington, Delaware

Christmas Greetings

TO ALL MEMBERS
OF THE ORDER

From The

GRAND LODGE of
CALIFORNIA

ATTILIO RAETA
GRAND VENERABLE

Columbus Day Programs Are Highlighted by the "Purple"

California . . .



More than 600 persons attended the Columbus Day banquet sponsored by members of the Giacomo Puccini Lodge and Queen Margaret Lodge, Sacramento, Calif. Principals attending were, seated, left to right, the Rev. Fr. Tullio Brida, Atty. Mario G. Paolini, San Francisco; standing, left to right, Venerable Manuel Petralli, Peter Tomasini, athletic committee chairman, and Grand Trustee Peter Capineri.



Attending the Columbus Day banquet sponsored by Virgilio Lodge No. 1586 and Beatrice Portinari Lodge No. 1626 of Vallejo, Calif., were, seated, left to right, Rosina Mazzoni, toastmaster; Nita Zunino, co-chairman; Mrs. Attilio Raeta, Venerable Catherine Maranto; standing, left to right, Joseph Guzzetta, chairman; Congressman John Baldwin, Venerable Primo Pizzorno, Grand Venerable Attilio Raeta, principal speaker, and Mayor C. Wilfred Hewitt.



Mayor George Christopher of San Francisco is presented purple ribbon by Atty. Rose M. Fanucchi, president of the Radio and Press Commission of the California Grand Lodge.

Ontario Grand Lodge Names State Chairmen

TORONTO, Ont.—Grand Venerable Anthony Farano announced the appointments of six provincial committee chairmen for 1959-61.

Appointees are, Mrs. Josephine Lavey, grand administrative secretary, public relations; Grand Trustee Thomas Tronzo, membership; Grand Trustee Louis Ranalli, citizenship and immigration; Grand Trustee Nicholas Zaffiro, education and scholarship, and Grand Orator Russell Romanelli, by-laws and ritual.

Michael Sanzosti has been named Grand Deputy for Northern Ontario.

Skokie, Ill.

SKOKIE, Ill. — Members of Skokie Valley Lodge No. 2046 will sponsor a Christmas dinner-dance Sunday, December 6 at DiLeos Restaurant.

West Virginia . . .



Mrs. Catherine F. Minehart, Grand Recording Secretary of the West Virginia Grand Lodge, presents purple emblem to Mayor E. W. James of Clarksburg, in support of the Order's campaign to have the color purple worn on Columbus Day. At left is Supreme Trustee Antonio Basile, Anmoore, and at right is Venerable Anthony Fratto of William Marconi Lodge No. 1140, Clarksburg.

Pennsylvania . . .



Supreme Trustee Silvio Perrella, right, presents Order's Purple Aster to Mayor Luther M. Kniffen of Wilkes-Barre, Pa. Mayor Kniffen had urged the display of purple on Columbus Day.

Indiana . . .



Peter Sabau, East Chicago, Grand Venerable of Indiana Grand Lodge, pins purple ribbon to lapel of Mayor Walter M. Jeorse, who issued a proclamation urging the wearing of the color purple on Columbus Day.

Connecticut

Judge Forte Columbus Day Speaker

ANSONIA, Conn. — Superior Court Judge Felix Forte, Somerville, Mass., Past Supreme Venerable, was principal speaker at the Columbus Day dinner dance sponsored by the Grand Lodge of Connecticut.

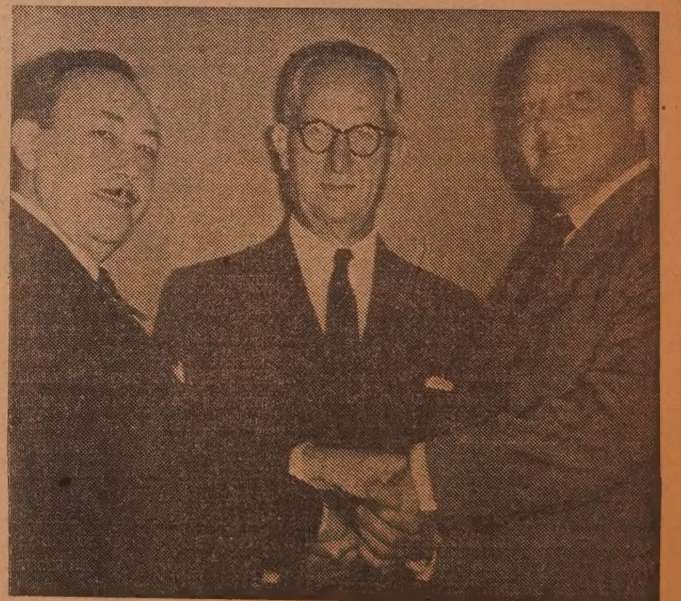
Other speakers included Grand Venerable Edwin T. Charlott, South Norwalk, and Mayor James A. Doyle. James Martorano was toastmaster.

Guests: First Assistant Supreme Venerable and Mrs. John Ottaviano, Jr.; Ex-Grand Venerable and Mrs. Dominick Cocco, Bridgeport; Past Grand Venerable and Mrs. Anthony M. Tapogna, Hartford; Grand Recording Secretary Louis N. Nardelli, Waterbury; Grand Trustees John Porcu and Anthony DeLalla; Charles H. Flynn, editor of The Evening Sentinel; U. S. Deputy Marshal Stephen LoPresti, venerable of Duca D'Aosta Lodge, chairman, and Mrs. Frances Carrubba, venerable of Loggia Bella Sicilia, co-chairman.

Struthers, Ohio

STRUTHERS, Ohio—Members of Opera Lodge No. 1122 observed Columbus Day with a buffet and dance. Guests were presented purple boutonnieres.

Washington, D. C. . . .



Joseph F. Sorge, left, chairman of the Columbus Day celebration sponsored by Roma Lodge No. 71, Washington, D. C., advances the Order's "wearing of the purple" campaign in the nation's capital with the presentation of purple boutonnieres and ribbon to Milton S. Kronheim, center, general chairman of the District's Columbus Day Interfaith Committee, and Angelo Cattucci, state deputy and chairman of the Knights of Columbus celebration.

